

(ii) re: STRIKE OF STUDENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT COLLEGE GULBARGA

SRI M. NAGAPPA.—Sir, I call the attention of the Minister for Education to the strike by students of Government College, Gulbarga.

† **SRI N. M. KOTRABASAIAH SOGI** (Deputy Minister for Education).—The hon'ble member has drawn the attention of Government to the strike by the students of Government College, Gulbarga. Government had received a report from the Principal stating that the Lecturer in Botany was urgently required and that a new Gas Plant will have to be purchased as the existing one was unserviceable. A Lecturer in Botany has since been posted to that College. The purchase of the Gas Plant has also been sanctioned by the Director of Collegiate Education. Candidates for various teaching posts particularly in subjects like Botany and English are not readily available. Efforts are being made to secure suitable candidates. Government will ensure that the lessons and practicals are completed during the academic year in time to enable the students to appear for their University and class examinations.

(iii) re: SITUATION IN HUBLI DUE TO ARREST OF SOME PERSONS IN CONNECTION WITH DOUBLE MURDER CASE

SRI SIDDAIAH KASHIMATH (Shirahatti).—I call the attention of the Chief Minister to the tense situation prevailing in Hubli because of arrest of some persons in connection with the double murder case at Hubli.

† **SRI MANIKRAO PATIL.**—Sir, at about 11.30 P.M. on 9-9-68, some people had collected at the Basavanna temple, Hubli. Some of these are alleged to have assaulted a boy of 15 years by name Sri Earappa. The boy came home and reported the incident to his uncle Sri Mallappa, a hiran shikari from Hubli settlement. After that, Sri Mallappa, his wife, his daughter and his son, along with the said boy, came to the temple to remonstrate. A quarrel ensued. It is alleged that 30 to 40 persons among the persons collected near the temple chased Sri Mallappa and his companions and Sri Mallappa and his wife were beaten to death. The others ran to the Police Station and informed the police. Immediately, policemen from Ghantikeri Police Station arrived at the spot and detained all the people who were members of the unlawful assembly.

In this connection the Police have registered a double murder case in Ghantikeri Police Station in Crime No. 51/68 and the investigation is proceeding. 26 persons are accused in this case, of whom 17 have been arrested. Of the remaining nine, two are stated to be under treatment at the K.M.C. Hospital, Hubli, and the remaining seven are absconding.

Police officers including the A.S.P. Hubli have been patrolling the area. Armed pickets at important points have been fixed. The Superintendent of Police has also visited the area. The situation is reported to be peaceful.

(iv) re: DEATH OF BISONS IN BANDIPUR GAME SANCTUARY

SRI K. H. SRINIVASA (Sagar).—I call the attention of the Minister of State for Forests to the death of bisons in Bandipur Game Sanctuary due to epidemic of rinderpest.

SRI ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA (Minister of State for Forests).—Deaths of bisons were noticed in Bandipur Game Sanctuary during the third week of August 1968 and the news was conveyed to the Veterinary authorities in Mysore. They visited Bandipur and confirmed that the deaths were caused due to epidemic of rinderpest which is said to be prevalent in the neighbouring District of Niligirs of Madras State. The Veterinary Officers have indicated that heavy lacrimation and purging are the external symptoms of attack of rinderpest. The Divisional Forest Officer, Chamarajanagar, has reported that these symptoms were not found in all the affected bisons at Bandipur. He also made arrangements to burn the dead bodies of bisons or bury them in deep pits with lot of slack lime as instructed by the District Veterinary Officer, Mysore.

It is estimated that 40 bisons have died in Bandipur Sanctuary till 5th September 1968 although 20 bisons have been actually seen. It is reported that there has been no attack of epidemic on other animals in the Bandipur Sanctuary or outside and no death of either deer or other animals is noticed. Similarly, there has not been any death of wild animals in Biligirirangna Hills. The Superintendent of Police, Mysore, has been requested to stop the movement of all the domestic animals from Nilgiri District into Mysore by suitably instructing the border checking staff at Kakkanna and Panjur.

This incident has already seriously engaged the attention of the Officers of both the Forest and Animal Husbandry Departments and necessary action is being taken to obtain necessary equipment through the Animal Husbandry Department to administer the necessary medicine to the bisons.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

SECRETARY.—I beg to lay on the Table of the House the first list of Unstarred Questions and Answers.